

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

In one embodiment, the invention provides an isolated and purified polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a WWOX polypeptide. In another embodiment, the polynucleotide comprises a nucleic acid sequence encoding ~~included in~~ SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:31, or SEQ ID NO:33. In yet another embodiment, the polynucleotide comprises SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:30, or SEQ ID NO:32. It is contemplated that any other WWOX nucleic acid or protein sequence may be used in conjunction with this invention.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

The invention also provides an expression vector comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a WWOX polypeptide. In one embodiment, the expression vector comprises the nucleic acid sequence encoding ~~encodes~~ SEQ ID NO:2. In another embodiment, the expression vector comprises the nucleic acid sequence comprising ~~comprises~~ SEQ ID NO:1. In yet other embodiments, the expression vector comprises the nucleic acid sequence comprising at least 1.5 contiguous kilobases of SEQ ID NO:1. In a related embodiment, the expression vector comprises a nucleic acid sequence encoding at least 90 contiguous amino acids of SEQ ID NO:2.